## **Amendments to the Claims**

1. (Original) A nitrile compound represented by the formula (I):

$$\begin{array}{c} CN \\ | \\ R-CH_2-C-CH_2-Q \\ | \\ CN \end{array} \tag{I}$$

wherein R represents C1-C4 fluoroalkyl,

Q represents halogen, C1-C11 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C2-C6 alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C2-C6 alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C3-C7 cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen or (C3-C7 cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen) C1-C4 alkyl.

- 2. (Original) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein Q is halogen, C1-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C2-C6 alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C2-C6 alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C3-C7 cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen or (C3-C7 cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen) C1-C4 alkyl.
- 3. (Original) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein R is C2-C4 fluoroalkyl having 3 to 5 fluorine atoms.
- 4. (Original) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein R is C3-C4 fluoroalkyl group having 6 to 8 fluorine atoms.
- 5. (Original) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein R is C2 fluoroalkyl.

- 6. (Original) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein R is 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl.
- 7. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 8. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 9. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 10. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.
- 11. (Original) A pesticidal composition comprising the nitrile compound as defined in claim 1 and an inert carrier.
- 12. (Withdrawn) A method of controlling a pest, which comprises applying an effective amount of the nitrile compound as defined in claim 1 to said pest or a place where said pest inhabits.
- 13. (Withdrawn) Use of the nitrile compound as defined in claim 1 for pest control.
- 14. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 2, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

- 15. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 3, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 16. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 4, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 17. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 5, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 18. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 6, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 19. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 2, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 20. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 3, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 21. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 4, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 22. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 5, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 23. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 6, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

- 24. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 2, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 25. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 3, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 26. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 4, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 27. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 5, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 28. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 6, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
- 29. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 2, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.
- 30. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 3, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.
- 31. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 4, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.
- 32. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 5, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.

- 33. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 6, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.
- 34. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein Q is C1-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C2-C6 alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, or C2-C6 alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.